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Before beginning examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

In the Title

Insert a new Title as follows:

-- A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTRACTING, LOADING OR CRIMPING SELF-EXPANDING AND BALLOON EXPANDABLE STENT DEVICES--

In the Abstract

On page 19, line 3 please insert new Title as follows:

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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the title of the application.

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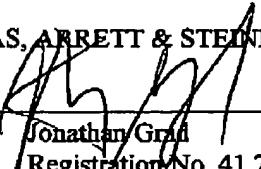
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